

REMARKS

In this Amendment, Applicant amended Claim 4 to overcome the rejections and further specify the embodiments of the present invention; and amended Claim 10 to correct certain informalities. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the amended claims. All claims are now present for examination and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the preceding amendments and the following comments.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 4 – 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as allegedly being anticipated by Bi et al. (US 5,835,848), hereinafter Bi.

Applicant traverses the rejection and respectfully submits that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated by the cited reference. More specifically, Claim 4 has been amended to include features that “said measurement receiver being configured to measure the magnitude (MA) of wave-like variations in amplification of the repeater as a function of the frequency, said magnitude constituting a measure of the stability margin, wherein an increasing magnitude corresponds to a decreasing stability margin and vice versa.” Claims 5 – 10 also include these features due to their dependency on Claim 4. It is respectfully submitted that Bi does not disclose or suggest the features as presently claimed. Therefore, Bi clearly does not anticipate the present invention as claimed.

In summary, the newly presented claims are not anticipated by Bi and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) has been overcome. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) is respectfully requested.

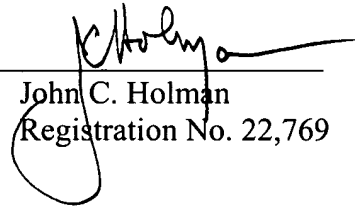
Having overcome all outstanding grounds of rejection, the application is now in condition for allowance, and prompt action toward that end is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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